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May 10, 2013

Mr. Ayyub Abdul-Alim  
629 Randall Rd.  
Ludlow, MA 01056-1079

Re: Citizen's Complaint 13-26

Dear Mr. Abdul-Alim:

Please contact the Internal Investigation Unit of the Springfield Police Department, 130 Maple Street, as soon as possible relative to your complaint of May 1, 2013 so that further inquiry can be assured.

The phone number to the Internal Investigating Unit is 787-6383.

Please contact this Unit by May 23, 2013 so we may proceed with this important matter as we must adhere to collective bargaining agreements regarding time limits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Fitchet", is written over the typed name.

William J. Fitchet  
Police Commissioner



Ayyub Abdul-Alim  
629 Randall Road  
Ludlow, MA 01056-1079

## Case Of Police Misconduct

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Springfield Police Department  
Citizen Compliment/Complaint Form

Online Form

Ayyub N Abdul-Alim 629 Randall Rd. Ludlow MA 01056  
Name of Citizen Address (Street, City State, Zip) Telephone Number

Natures Garden 693 State St. Spfld MA 01109  
Employer Address (Street, City State, Zip) Telephone Number

Ronald Sheehan, Angel Berrios, Anthony Sowers. All  
Personnel Complimented/Complained About (Name, Rank, Badge Number, if known)

from the Springfield Police Department  
Personnel Complimented/Complained About (Name, Rank, Badge Number, if known)

The following is not necessary but it will help with our statistics in reporting accurately to the Federal Government, thank you: 4/25/78 Black/Hispanic male  
Date of Birth Race Sex

What Happened: (describe in your own words, everything you consider necessary for the police to investigate your complaint such as the date, time, location, etc. Use additional paper if necessary.) You may also use this form if you wish to compliment an officer on his or her conduct. Please also be as detailed as possible.

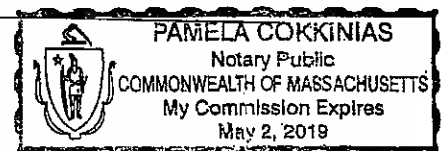
The officers committed the following acts against me: Religious discrimination, Sexual assault, assault & battery, invasion of privacy, falsification of evidence, perjury, and dereliction of duty. See attached statement, police report #11-5408-AR / #11-5408-OF, complete original radio communication turret tape DVD or CD, and complete mobile data terminal sheet MDT.

Were There Witnesses? ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Please List: Surveillance video  
Getty Gas Station 671 State St. Ref. police report #11-5408-AR  
Name Address Telephone Number  
Muhammad Amin 671 State St. Getty worker  
Name Address Telephone Number

I understand that I will be informed of the result of the Police investigation and the disposition of my compliment/complaint. I am [REDACTED] willing to testify at any hearing in connection with this I have read the above statement and it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Ayyub N Abdul-Alim Witness Pamela Cokkinias  
Received at Hampden City Jail Date 5-1-13

Signature of Receiving Authority \_\_\_\_\_



My name is Ayyub Abdul-Alim. I am an African American, Puerto Rican United States born citizen, raised Muslim. I am being incarcerated at the Hampden County Correctional Center 629 Randall Road Ludlow, MA 01056-1079  
**due to police misconduct, falsifying evidence and perjury.**

Prior to my arrest I was a small business owner in Mason Square and a symbol of change. See (Masslive/Republican Article 2010).

I started as a street vendor who ultimately gained the trust of the building owners of 683, 685 and 691 State Street.

In 2007, I became the building manager for 23 apartments with a history of drugs, prostitution and violence. There I successfully opened a small business called "Natures Garden" located at 693 State Street.

As building manager I saw the need for a strong positive presence free from drugs, prostitution and violence. I began to work with community residents, leaders, and advocates, such as State Representatives Benjamin Swan, Nation of Islam Minister Johnny Muhammad, members of Saint Johns Church, Imam Ismail Ali of Masjid Tawheed, dr. Kamal Ali, Vice President and Dr. Salim Bajawa, President of the Islamic Society of Western Mass, John Osbirn, Melvine Edwards, Kali Madox Adejio, Jewish Family services assisting Somali Refugees with housing. The lighthouse with job placement for its members. The Mason Square Farmers Market and the Hampden County Sheriffs after incarceration support services with Tyron Dawkins, and Yusuf Ali providing housing with their recommendation for its members.

Over the years a large growing Islamic presence began to become visible as 90% of the tenants were now Muslim. I opened an Islamic community center in one

of the three buildings storefronts named the Quran and Sunnah Community Center at 687 state Street. The Center was open daily for prayer and community services. There is not one report involving me in any violence or any presence of guns in my encouraging and effectively implementing a positive change and presence. However, on Dec, 9 2011 all that changed due to some rogue cops on the Springfield police department.

At approximately 7:15pm on Dec.9 2011, I closed my store Natures Garden and proceeded to the Getty store to buy some milk before going home. [The Getty store parking lot is the scene of another brutal police beating by convicted Springfield police officer Jeff Asher on an unarmed citizen named Douglas Geer]. As I reached the parking lot of the Getty store I was stopped by Springfield police officer Anthony Sowers and officer Angel Berrios. Officer Sowers ordered me to stop as he grabbed my arm escorting me to the back of the police cruiser. I was told to place my hands on the trunk of the car as officer Sower placed my hands in handcuffs. Officer Sowers called officer Sheehan by radio notifying him that " I have the subject". Officer Sheehan by radio orders a search of my person "Search him for any weapons". Officer Sowers conducts a through search of my person and radios back "Search is clear of any weapons".

Officer Sheehan ordered me to be held and I was placed in the back of the police car. Officer Sheehan again by radio orders a second search of my person "Conduct a second search of the subject". Officer Sowers again performs a through search of my person and radios back "I performed a second search, subject is clear of any weapons". Officer Sheehan radios, "Stand by" and again I am detained. Officer

Sheehan radios "Is subject in ear shot of you?" Officer Sowers radios "Yes" Officer Sheehan radios, "Can you step away?" Officer Sowers places me back in the police car. Minutes later an unmarked car pulls up to officer Berrios for a few moments than pulls off. Officer Berrios opens the door and takes me out placing my head on the trunk of the police car. Officer Berrios than pulls down my pants to my ankles with my boxer shorts touching my butt and penis area. Officer Berrios than yells out "Gun, he has a gun!."

Officer Sowers who was standing next to a white jeep runs over and officer Berrios hands him what looks like a gun. Officer Sowers asked where he found it and officer Berrios said "In his underpants". I immediately said "That gun is not mine! You know that gun is not mine! You just searched me two times!"

**(At that point I was a victim of an illegal extensive "Strip and body search" on a public street, in plan view of the general public. Violating my constitutional rights as a United States Citizen. Similar to a Jan. 15, 2009 incident where two women Meredith Blakeslee and Darlene Palazzi were stripped searched on a public St. with seven Springfield male officers watching by officer Carla Daniele) This case is currently in Us. District Court.**

I was then placed back in the police car. Within minutes, the same unmarked car pulls back up and officer Sheehan in plain clothes exits the car. He opens the back door to the police car where I was being detained and said, "Are you ready to make a deal of a life time?" I said, "That gun is not mine and I don't know what you're talking about." Officer Sheehan said "Think about it on the way to the police station."

**(There was No probable cause to stop, illegal search & strip search my person)**

At the police station officer Sheehan tells me the F.B.I wants to talk to me, that they will be at the station before I go to court. That he was recommending a

\$50,000 cash bail. On Sunday approximately after dinner officer Sheehan takes me to a room where a tall F.B.I agent was waiting. The F.B.I agent said, "Sorry we have to meet under these circumstances. You may remember I called you about a year ago requesting a meeting to discuss possible information you may have that could be helpful, but you refused to meet with me."

**[Please note: after I received that phone call from the F.B.I agent I went to State Rep. Ben Swans office concerned about the call. I spoke to secretary Ms. Francis and Ms. Marvinna who called the Federal building and left a message on my behalf.]**

At that point I immediately told the F.B.I agent "I was set up and that gun is not mine".

Officer Sheehan then stated, "That's not what officer Barrios says".

The F.B.I agent after reminding me of his phone call began asking me questions like, What I thought about the United States Government? If I knew anyone planning harm to the government or its citizens? If I knew anyone or groups who want to see Sharia Islamic law in the United States? What I thought about suicide attacks? If I knew of any attacks that would harm American citizen would I report it to the authorities? If I knew of anyone or any groups stockpiling weapons for jihad in this country? If I knew any Pakistani, Afghan, Iraqis, or Somalis hiding here illegally? Do I know if the Islamic group Tablighi Jammat is being used to plan terrorist attacks? What was my reason for going to Saudi Arabia? What did I do for the three weeks I was there? Do I have plans to go back? If I would now be willing to become an informant in the Muslim community?

I was asked many more questions about the Islamic Society of Western Mass, groups and individuals within the Muslim community. This interrogation lasted about one



hour, after which time I was taken back to the holding cell at 130 Pearl Street.

**Motions and Evidentiary Fact Findings:**

- There are no documents showing any city or federal investigation involving any drugs, guns or any terrorist activity associated with or involving Mr. Abdul-Alim.
- There were no drugs or cash money found on Mr. Abdul-Alim's person.
- Copy of police recording tape (Incomplete)
  - A. Attorney files motion for complete tape All channels in custody of the District Attorneys office. [Motion Granted].
  - B. Prosecutor refuses to hand over police recordings.
  - C. Attorney files motion for prosecutor to compel. [Motion Granted].
  - D. Prosecutor again refuses to hand over police recording. Prosecutor tells Attorney Robinson police officer Sheehan is concerned about releasing information on police recording.
  - E. Attorney files motion for sanctions. On day of hearing for sanctions prosecutor hands over incomplete copy of police recording.
  - F. Attorney files motion to review original police recording all channels.
  - G. Prosecutor objects says, "I have not heard the original recordings" "What the police do is, for example, there may be 20 channels so they take a little from each channel and make one copy." [Motion Denied]
  - H. Attorney John M. Thompson has evidence from company Angel Sea's investigation on Springfield police recordings that prove the prosecutor's office altered police recordings.

**Including:**

- A. An interview with Springfield police Sgt. Charles Sheehser who states copies of police recordings are made for defense attorneys by the District Attorneys office.
  - B. All calls to dispatch on any line are recorded.  
911, wireless, hardline, radio, radio-to-radio transmissions, and cell phone calls to dispatch.
  - C. Only District Attorneys office is able to edit police recordings. Not police station.
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- I. Attorney preparing motion to appeal motion to review original police recordings, all channels in custody of the District Attorneys office. [MOTION GRANTED]  
**Original Police Recordings Are Now Under Review.**
  - Attorney files motion for Mobile Data Terminal sheet for private message sent by dispatch from officer Sheehan to police cruiser/computer.
    - A. Motion Granted. [Pending delivery]
    - B. Prosecutor says "Assuming that any information is available"
    - C. Prosecutor refuses to give defense Attorney Mobile Data Terminal Sheet.  
"No information available"
    - D. Defense Attorney files motion to compel. Motion granted.
    - E. Mobile Data Terminal Sheet still pending delivery.
  - **Statements on copy of police recording received from prosecutor.**
    - 1. "Officer Sheehan to dispatch"
    - 2. "Can you send a message to cruiser? I don't want to say it over the radio"
    - 3. "Did you get the message?"
    - 4. "Yes, just got it"
    - 5. "Look for black male with beard"
    - 6. "Stop that guy in the red jacket, he has a gun in his waist"

7. "I have the subject"
  8. "Search him for any weapons"
  9. "Searched subject, subject is clear of any weapons"
  10. "Stand by"
  11. "Conduct a second search of subject"
  12. "Preformed second search, subject is clear of any weapons"
  13. "Is he in ear shot of you?"
  14. "Yes"
  15. "Can you step away?"
  16. Conversation deleted
  17. "Search his underwear"
  18. No mention of any gun found on police recording
- Officer Sheehan in an affidavit dated Dec. 10, 2012, states that Mr. Abdul-Alim is known to him:
    - A. As a result of an incident during the summer of 2011, where officer Sheehan was working security at Walgreens when Mr. Abdul-Alim attempted to grab his gun. That's when officer Sheehan noticed Mr. Abdul-Alim's intentions. Mr. Abdul-Alim backed up and started to do "Karate moves".

**Note: There is no police report, police notes, ticket or any other documentation to support officer Sheehans statements.**
    - B. Officer Sheehan states that he knows Mr. Abdul-Alim as a result of being part of the joint terrorist, gang task force.
- (Officer Sheehan has not provided any documentation to support his claim.)**

C. Officer Sheehan also states that "the Springfield police Department was involved in an ongoing investigation gun and drug activity" "one of the subjects....was Ayyub Abdul-Alim".

**Officer Sheehan has not provided any documentation to support his claim. There are no notes, reports or statements from the only two arresting officers at time of stop, search and arrest.**

### **In Conclusion**

The reason for such blatant disregard for Mr. Abdul-Alim's rights as a United States Citizen is to put Mr. Ayyub Abdul-Alim in such a position that he would have no alternative but to work as an informant for law enforcement against his will due to Mr. Abdul-Alim's religious appearance and ties to a large Islamic community as well as the predominantly minority Mason Square community.

Mr. Abdul-Alim does not have any information involving any drugs, guns, or terrorist activity within Springfield or the Islamic community at large.

This situation is comparable to that of an indentured servant or "slave" where Mr. Abdul-Alim would be put in debt and held for as long as suited law enforcements purposes. The Springfield police had complete disregard to the collateral damage done to the life of Mr. Abdul-Alim and the lives of his family.

Anyone who takes the time to look into this case of police misconduct will see that Mr. Abdul-Alim is innocent and is another example of the Springfield Police Department's history of misconduct.

**Thank you for your attention to this critically important matter.**

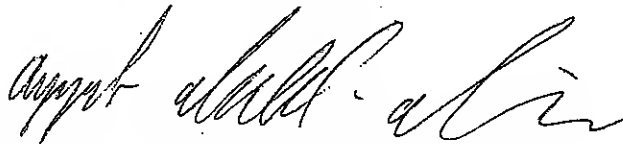
Sincerely,

Ayyub Abdul-Alim  
D.O.B 04-25-1978

**My next court date is July 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 9:30AM**

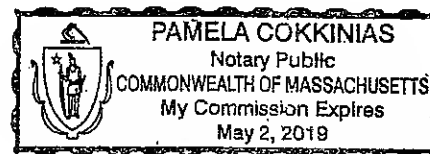
NOTE: The constitution guarantees everyone right to Life, Liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Don't take yours for granted. I believe if it happened to me – it can happen to you or a loved one.

-Justice Delayed is Justice Denied. MLK Jr.



CC:

1. Springfield Police Dept. I.I.U
2. South End Citizen Council
3. Indian Orchard Citizen Council
4. New North Citizen Council
5. N.A.A.C.P Rev. Talbert Swan II  
Rev. Mark Baymon
6. Urban League
7. Real cost of prisons Lois Ahrens
8. The valley Advocate News paper
9. The Point of View News Paper
10. The Council of churches Archbishop Timothy Paul Baymon



11. New England Innocence Project
12. The Republican News Paper
13. City Hall Mayors Office
14. The Police Union
15. Arise For Social Justice
16. A.W.A.K.E
17. Alliance to Develop Power
18. Black Leadership Alliance
19. Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination
20. Gov. Deval Patrick
21. Elizabeth Cordona Gov. Western Mass Office
22. Donna Johnson Gov. Western Mass office
23. Benjamin Swan State Representative
24. Nation Of Islam
25. Dr. Kamal Ali Vice President Islamic Society of Western Mass
26. Dr. Salim Bajawa President Islamic Society of Western Mass
27. Dr. Ishmeal Ali Imam Masjid Tawheed
28. Bud Williams City Council
29. Melvin Edwards City Council
30. Khali Madox Adigio Adbons man/ Advocate
31. Channel 40 News Investigation Team
32. Channel 22 News Investigation Team
33. Channel 3 News Investigation Team

34. American Civil Liberties Union
35. Thompson & Thompson Law Office
36. Maegan Brooks Attorney
37. Daniel Kelly Attorney
38. Jeanne A. Liddy, Esq Attorney
39. Chester & Chester Constables
40. Union News
41. Western Mass Legal Services
42. Western New England College of Law
43. Imam Wissam Abdul-Baki
44. Al Baqi Islamic Center
45. Springfield Partners
46. John Osborn Springfield/Jazz Festival
47. Sterling Hall Springfield Housing
48. Gasoline Alley
49. Getty Store
50. Hampden County Lawyers For Justice Incorporated
51. Hampden County Legal Clinic
52. Latino Chambe Commeic Carlos Gonzalez
53. Massachusetts Bar Associations
54. Rev. J.P Morgan Jr.
55. Pan African Historical Museum Bobbi Jo Rentas
56. Rev. Mark Baymon N.A.A.C.P

57. Rev. Talbert Swan II N.A.A.C.P
58. Rev. Bruce Shaw
59. Saint Johns Cong Church
60. Springfield Public Forum
61. Tri-State Investigation Bureau
62. Prisoners Legal Service
63. Massachusetts Legal services
64. Springfield Citizens Advocacy Project
65. Massachusetts Conference of United Church of Christ
66. American Muslim Council
67. IQRA International
68. Center for American Muslim Research & Information
69. Islamic Foundation of America, Inc.
70. Masjid Taqwa Wa-Jihad
71. Muslim Foundation of America, Inc.
72. Muslim World League
73. Islamic Center of New York
74. Somali Bantu Community of Springfield
75. Sisterhood in Motion
76. Islamic Circle of North America
77. Masjid A-Falah
78. Muslim Students Association
79. Mahsa Khanababai Attorney